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SUBJECT: HIGH-LEVEL GDR VISIT TO U.S.

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1. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT UPCOMING WASHINGTON VISITS OF
STATE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN TRADE BEIL (MAY 10), CULTURE
MINISTER HOFFMANN (MAY 28-JUNE 2) AND FOREIGN MINISTER
FISCHER (JUNE 6-7) PROVIDE US WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE
SPECIFIC U.S. OBJECTIVES AGAINST BACKGROUND OF DEVELOPMENTS
DESCRIBED IN REFTELS. AS SUGGESTED REF A, WE WILL TREAT
VISITS AS PART OF SINGLE COORDINATED APPROACH AND WILL MAKE
ESSENTIALLY SAME POINTS TO ALL VISITORS, IN ORDER TO MAXI-
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MIZE ADVANTAGE TO U.S.

2. WE WILL EXPRESS SATISFACTION OVER RECENT MOVEMENT IN CUL-
TURAL AREA AND WITH REGARD TO DIVIDED FAMILIES, POINTING OUT,
HOWEVER, NEED FOR CONTINUED MOVEMENT IN LATTER AREA AND RE-
MINDING HOFFMAN OF MFA'S AGREEMENT TO MOUNT "REFLECTIONS
USA" IN BERLIN TV TOWER. WITH REGARD TO UNREALIZED U.S. OB-

JECTIVES, WE WILL EXPRESS PUZZLEMENT OVER LACK OF PROGRESS ON CONSULAR CONVENTION, WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT AS BASIS FOR FURTHER PROGRESS IN OTHER AREAS AND WHICH FISCHER HAD AGREED LAST SEPTEMBER TO SOLVE. WE WILL ALSO STRESS GENERAL

HUMAN RIGHTS THEME IN CONTEXT OF HELSINKI FINAL ACT AND DISPLEASURE OVER GDR'S ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA. IN RAISING CLAIMS ISSUE, WE WILL POINT OUT NEED FOR FOLLOW-UP ON MARCH 28 CONSULTATION AND FOR REASONABLE COMPENSATION TO CONFERENCE ON JEWISH MATERIAL CLAIMS FOR LOSSES OF VICTIMS OF NAZISM.

3. CONCERNING TRADE GDR'S PRIMARY OBJECTIVE VIS-A-VIS U.S., WE WILL NOTE WITH SATISFACTION MUTUAL TRADE SEMINARS, GROWING ROLE OF U.S.-GDR TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL, AND POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE AT LEIPZIG SPRING FAIR. WE WILL ALSO EXPRESS OPINION THAT, WHILE THERE IS AMPLE ROOM FOR MARKET DEVELOPMENT AND PRAGMATIC GROWTH OF TRADE IN ABSENCE OF MFN, MUCH WILL DEPEND ON MOVEMENT ON ISSUES IN PARA 2 WHICH WOULD ENHANCE GDR IMAGE AND LEAD TO IMPROVED ATMOSPHERE AND BROADER PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR TRADE WITH GDR. (FYI: IN SUCH AN ATMOSPHERE INCREASED USG SUPPORT FOR US-GDR TRADE MIGHT INCLUDE PERMISSION FOR NEW FTO'S, INCREASED PARTICIPATION AT LEIPZIG FAIR, ETC. END FYI)

4. IN COORDINATING HANDLING OF VISITS, WE WILL ALSO KEEP CONFIDENTIAL

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IN MIND NERVOUSNESS ALREADY EXPRESSED BY SEVERAL WEST GERMAN OFFICIALS AND JOURNALISTS ABOUT GROWING SCOPE AND POSSIBLE MEANING OF THE VISITS RECOGNIZING THAT THE GDR WILL SEEK TO EXPLOIT THESE VISITS TO ENHANCE ITS OWN RESPECTABILITY AND TO CREATE THE IMPRESSION OF SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN US-GDR RELATIONS, WE WILL WANT TO LIMIT THEIR PURELY PUBLIC RELATIONS ASPECTS. THIS WILL BE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT, SINCE THE VISITS COME SO CLOSE TO THE NATO SUMMIT AND PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S PLANNED VISIT TO BONN AND BERLIN.

5. IT IS AGAINST BACKGROUND OF PARA 4 THAT DEPARTMENT WILL INFORM GDR AMBASSADOR SIEBER THAT THE SECRETARY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GIVE A LUNCHEON FOR FISCHER (FOR WHICH SIEBER WOULD HAVE RECIPROCATED WITH A DINNER). (FYI: VISIT TO WASHINGTON AT SAME TIME BY HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER PUJA HAS ALREADY CAUSED SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO REPLACE PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED LUNCHEON FOR FISCHER WITH A COFFEE. END FYI)

6. FISCHER'S ALREADY FULL SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 6 INCLUDES FOLLOWING:

0900 HOURS - COFFEE WITH HAMILTON SUB-COMMITTEE OF HIRC
1100 HOURS - CALL ON SECRETARY
1230 HOURS - LUNCH AT FOREIGN PRESS CLUB
1530 HOURS - COFFEE WITH SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MEMBERS HOSTED BY SENATOR SPARKMAN.

7. DETAILS OF BEIL AND HOFFMAN VISITS ARE COVERED IN
SEPTELS. WE WILL ADDITIONALLY RAISE WITH GDR EMBASSY THE
POSSIBILITY OF A CALL BY BEIL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO
DISCUSS MFN AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

8. WE CONTINUE TO COORDINATE ALL ASPECTS OF VISITS WITH
GDR EMBASSY AND ARE ALSO KEEPING FRG EMBASSY FULLY INFOR-
MED OF DEVELOPMENTS.
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9. DRESDEN EXHIBIT IS ALREADY ATTRACTING PUBLIC ATTENTION.
MAY 2 UNCRATING OF EXHIBIT AT GALLERY WAS SUBJECT OF STORY
IN NEXT DAY'S POST (WIRELESS FILE) WHICH CALLED EXHIBIT AN
"ELEGANT SHOW" AND A PHOTO-ESSAY IN THE STAR WHICH CALLED
IT "TRULY MAGNIFICANT." CHRISTOPHER

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